Express Mail Label No. ET 839122735 US U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: McDonald Robinson et al. Prior Examiner: Kevin Turner Prior Art Unit: 1107 Title: Silicon-Germanium-Carbon Compositions Attorney Docket No. Lawrence 712 and Processes Thereof Prior Application No. 08/336,949 Filing Date: November 13, 2001 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 15 16 Dear Examiner: After a filing date is granted, please enter this preliminary amendment and consider the 7 following remarks before examination of the claims.

IN THE SPECIFICATION: Before the first sentence on the first page of the specification, please add: -- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/336,949, filed on November 10, 1994, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. --IN THE CLAIMS: Please cancel claims 10, 12, 16, 25, 27, 45, 47, and 48 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matters. 12 13 14 15 16 17

1 **REMARKS** 2 3 This preliminary amendment cancels claims 10, 12, 16, 25, 27, 45, 47, and 48. Claim 8 is 4 pending in the application. 5 6 Please call the undersigned regarding any questions, comments, or if it will expedite the 7 progress of the application. 8 9 Respectfully Submitted, 10 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 Wort moll Robert Moll Reg. No. 33,741 Robert Moll 21 @PatentPlanet 22 1173 St. Charles Court 23 Los Altos, CA 94024 24 Tel: 650-567-9153 25 Fax: 650-567-9183 26 Email: rgmoll@patentplanet.com 27 28 29

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